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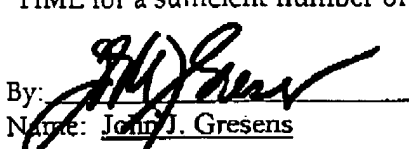
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Dear Sir:

With respect to Applicant's submission of certified priority document, submitted to the USPTO on April 12, 2002 and the Notice of Allowability mailed on December 10, 2004, the Examiner did not acknowledge the priority document. A copy of the communication regarding Submission of Priority Document, French application Serial No. 01 00798, filed in January 22, 2001 is attached for your convenience. This appears this appears to be an inadvertent oversight. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the priority be acknowledged.

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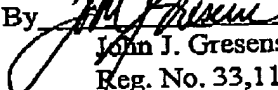
Applicants enclose herewith one certified copy of a French application, Serial No.

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